

REMINISCENCES OF GREAT POET

Chief Feature of Raven Society's
Program for Poe Cele-
bration.

DR. NASH THE RELATOR

Exercises of Commemoration Held
in Cabell Hall at the
University.

To-Day's Program

11 A. M., IN MADISON HALL.
Dr. Charles W. Kent presiding.
Dr. George Edward, of North-
western University.
Dr. Alice Fortier, of Tulane Uni-
versity.
Confidential tributes to Edgar Al-
lan Poe.
8 P. M., IN CABELL HALL.
President Alderman presiding.
Professor Barrett Wendell, of
Harvard University.
Dr. Charles Alphonso Smith, of
the University of North Carolina.
English tributes to Edgar Allan
Poe.
Formal presentation of Poe me-
morial medals.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., January
18.—The Raven Society, the under-
graduate association of the University
of Virginia, held to-night its celebra-
tion of the Poe centenary in Cabell Hall.
The chief feature of an extremely in-
teresting program was the reminis-
cences of Dr. Herbert N. Nash, of Nor-
folk, who had a three weeks' acquaint-
ance with Poe during the poet's last
visit to Virginia.

Another feature that strongly re-
called the poet were stereoscopic illu-
strations of his life at the University
of Virginia, with explanations by Mr.
Charles W. Kent. These illustrations
included views of West Range, where
Poe's last months at the university
were spent; an interior and exterior
view of his room, No. 12; a contem-
porary print of the university, a glimpse
of the Ragged Mountains, an exterior
view of the Colonnade Club, on West
Lawn, which was the library in Poe's
day, and a picture of his friend, Wil-
liam Wertenbaker, who kept the lib-
rary; a portrait of Poe and portraits of
Jefferson, Madison and General Cocke,
who composed the board of visitors of
that day, and Dr. Holley H. Duglison,
the chairman of the faculty, who
summoned Poe to a faculty meeting to
explain what he knew about gambling
at the university, and received his tes-
timony that he knew nothing about it.

The poem was by Dr. J. S. Wilson,
of William and Mary College, and at-
tracted general attention by its unusual
excellence. Dr. Wilson treats Poe as
the incarnation of "Israfel," and calls
his poem "Whose Heartstrings Are a
Lute."

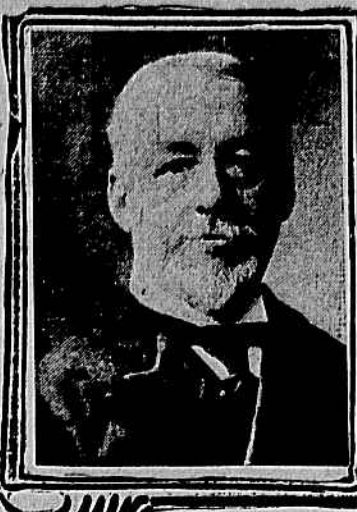
Professor Willoughby Reads, of the
Episcopal High School, read "The
Raven" and other selections.
Music had an important part in the
program. H. H. Freeman, of St. John's
Church, Washington, D. C., rendered
several pieces on the great organ, and
there were two vocal pieces, "Isra-
fel," sung by Mrs. Charles H. Hancock,
and "Eldorado," by George F. Zimmer,
of Bridgeville, Ind.

The exercises of commemoration
were followed by a smoker at Madison
Hall, given to its guests by the Raven
Society. John Neff, of Harrisonburg,
Va., president of the Raven Society,
and prominent in the athletic life of
the university, presided.

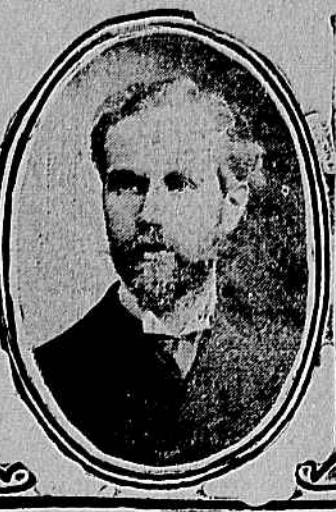
In his sermon in the University
Chapel last evening, Dr. William A.
Barr, of Lynchburg, Va., in speaking
on true greatness, pointed out that a
man was great in proportion as he
gave himself unselfishly to his highest
visions. "I believe," said Dr. Barr,
"that the true Poe was an example
of the very kind of greatness I have
described. The possession of genius
alone does not make men great. It is
the character back of the genius. And
Poe was consecrated through all his
life to his vision of beauty and truth.
He held to it with a tenacity that
would not be daunted, and much of
his apparent vagabondage may be of
the kind that Christ enjoined upon His
first disciples when He told them that
if one city would not receive them, to
shake its dust from their feet and go to
another. But, after all, wherein
consists Poe's great moral delinquency?
From all that is known of his life
and work, he was pure as the snow,
and may well stand as a rebuke to the
modern literary horde who appear to
suppose that to be interesting they
must be salacious. Then, as to his
relations in life, whether as ward, as
husband, or as son to the mother of
his beautiful daughter, he appears to
have fulfilled these relations with
tenderness, fidelity and love. If it be
true that he had an infirmity of tem-
per, it is also true that some of the
most illustrious saints in history have
spent their lives in a struggle with
the same infirmity. And so, at last, his
moral delinquency seems to be re-
duced to a single failing, and this but
on occasions, when he indulged too
freely in the cup. According, however,
to his own explanation, this was the
result of a nervous condition into
which his constitution at times fell.
It is fair to accept his explanation in
the light of the modern view that the
falling in at times the result of disease,
and for this to give him our com-
passion.

A Pen Picture.
"We have a pen picture of Poe by
N. P. Willis, in whose employ he spent

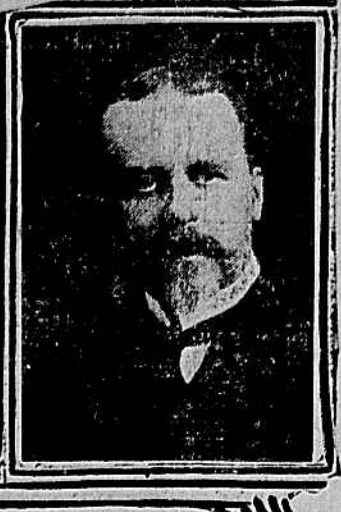
SPEAKERS AT EDGAR ALLAN POE'S CENTENARY



DR. ALICE FORTIER,
of Tulane University.



DR. GEORGE EDWARD,
of Northwestern University.



PROFESSOR BARRETT WENDELL,
of Harvard University.

News of Petersburg

a number of months. It concludes with
these words: "Through all this consid-
erable period we had seen but one
presentment of the man: a quiet, pa-
tient, industrious and most gentleman-
ly person, commanding the utmost re-
spect and good feeling by his unvary-
ing deportment and ability."
"I submit that a man who could
have appeared to Mr. Willis day after
day and month after month in this
light could not have been so bad. And
yet we are obliged to admit an un-
speakable pathos in his short and
checked life, and above all in its
end. Whether, as has been maintained,
he was drugged, or whether found in
a helpless condition through his own
falling, it is unspeakably sad that this
fair flower should have been used for
a set of political thugs and left to die
like a dog.

"In looking back upon Poe's career
I recall the words of Carlyle, written
with reference to the poet Burns: 'Alas!
his sun shone as through a tropical
tornado, and the pale shadow of death
eclipsed it at noon; but some beams
from it did by its pierce through, and
it united those clouds with rainbow
and Orient colors into a glory and stern
grandeur which men silently gazed on
with wonder and tears.'"

MISSISSIPPI IN HARBOR.

Vessel Taking Bunker Coal Preparatory
to Going to Panama.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., January 18.—
The new 13,000-ton battleship Missis-
sippi, which has been ordered to Pan-
ama, arrived at this port this morning
from Philadelphia and dropped anchor
in the harbor. She will proceed on her
voyage as soon as her bunkers can be
filled with fuel coal.
This vessel is the only battleship of
the United States navy that has been
equipped with the new type of skele-
ton military mast. The vessel has the
old style military mast forward, and
the new one aft. The skeleton mast
is made of wire cables and steel pipes,
and it is practically impossible to shoot
it away. The mast has been adopted by
the navy and hereafter all warships
will be equipped with it instead of the
old style steel mast.

The Mississippi is painted the new
regulation lead-color. This color has
succeeded the white coat that all war-
ships of the navy have worn hereto-
fore.

WILL WIND UP AFFAIRS.

Creditors Meet and Decide on Receiv-
ership for Corporation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHRISTIANSBURG, Va., January 18.—
At a meeting of the creditors of the
Christiansburg Corporation, held at
its office to-day, at which 99 per cent.
of its indebtedness was represented,
the new board of directors submitted
a statement of the assets and liabilities.
The assets are \$130,000, the li-
abilities \$116,000. It was the unani-
mous sentiment of the creditors that
the company's affairs be wound up by
a receivership in the State Court.
Attorney McNulty, of Roanoke, the
attorney representing the petitioning
creditors in bankruptcy, was present
and participated in the meeting. Af-
ter investigation of the affairs of the
company and hearing the state-
ment of the directors and the opinion
of the largest creditors and the state-
ment of Judge Archer, Philander and
local counsel representing creditors,
Mr. McNulty stated that he was sat-
isfied it was eminently best and to the
interest of the creditors to proceed in
the State courts in winding up the
company's affairs, thus avoiding the
heavy fees and costs of bankruptcy,
including the sacrifice of forced sales.
It is the opinion of the creditors that
the bankruptcy avoid the company's
assets will pay in full the liabilities.

CHASE CITY ENTERTAINMENT.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHASE CITY, Va., January 18.—Sat-
urday night, at the opera-house, a
charming entertainment was given
under the direction of Miss Emma W.
Averett. The operetta was "The Tyro-
lean Queen," and more than thirty
music scholars of the Southside In-
stitute appeared in the rendition. The
girls looked lovely, and all were ar-
rayed in dazzling and elegant cos-
tumes especially provided for the per-
formance. The music, songs and in-
tricate evolutions elicited great ap-
plause. The play and scenery were
arranged with artistic taste by Miss
Averett. Miss Hazel Greer, daughter
of Captain Thomas W. Greer, of the
Mechanics' Gunners, was queen, and
acted with grace and dignity. At the
conclusion of the operetta the entire
troupe appeared upon the stage sing-
ing the inspiring airs of Dixie.
Miss Averett, the directress, is the
music teacher at the Southside In-
stitute.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
185 North Sycamore Street,
Richmond, Va., January 18.

A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Vet-
erans turned out in full numbers last
night to attend divine service in Tabb
Street Presbyterian Church and to hear
the annual sermon incident to the ob-
servance of General Lee's birthday,
which was delivered by the Rev. Dr.
J. S. Foster. A very large congrega-
tion was also present. Dr. Foster's
sermon was not a eulogy of General
Lee. History, he said, had placed him
on such lofty summits of greatness
that his name and influence could
never die. Dr. Foster deduced lessons
he conceived the life of General Lee
to teach. He declared that the life
of Lee was the flower and fruit of
Christianity, teaching in its beauty not
only the greatness of intellect, but
the undying lustre of simple devotion
to God. Gleaning incidents from the
life of Lee, the speaker proceeded to
show that his zealous constancy to the
cause of truth was really the factor
that made him strong to meet the
issues that faced him. Dr. Foster's
discourse was an able and eloquent
portrayal of the life and character of
General Lee, and the noble example
it set before the world. It was heard
with intense interest by his audience,
and at the request of A. P. Hill Camp
it will probably be published.

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Winn, pastor of
Washington Street M. E. Church,
preached to a large congregation last
night on "General Robert E. Lee as an
Example for Young Men of To-Day."
It was an eloquent discourse on Gen-
eral Lee's life and character and the
lessons to be drawn from it.
Rev. D. H. Rolston, pastor of the
Second Presbyterian Church, an alumnus
of Washington and Lee Universi-
ty, will to-morrow afternoon speak
to the public school children on Gen-
eral Lee. The address will be deliv-
ered in the assembly hall of the new
building on Wythe Street.

Mass Meeting of Sunday Schools.
A mass meeting of the schools
of the Methodist Sunday School Asso-
ciation of Petersburg and vicinity was
held in High Street Church yesterday
afternoon. A very large audience was
present. All the schools were repre-
sented, and each took part in the in-
teresting exercises. The speaker of the
occasion was the Rev. E. L. Rawlings,
D. D., missionary secretary of the Vir-
ginia Conference, who gave an instruc-
tive and interesting talk. A commit-
tee was appointed to draft resolutions
on the recent death of Mr. Chester
Shepherd, and Mr. W. M. Winter, two
active and prominent members of the
association. Reports from the several
schools showed the following organiza-
tion for the past month:

Schools.	Register.	ance.	Per.
High Street.....	563	458	.81
Washington Street 365	263	.72	
Market Street.....	272	220	.81
Wesley.....	198	167	.84
West Street.....	241	214	.89
Mattoaca.....	200	154	.77
Eltwick.....	260	159	.61
Blandford.....	104	78	.75
Totals.....	2,223	1,713	.77

Death of a Chesterfieldian.
Mr. T. B. Whelan died at his home
in Chesterfield county, three miles
from this city, about 9 o'clock
last night, after a brief illness. He
was fifty-eight years of age and was
a well-known and much esteemed citi-
zen. He is survived by his wife, three
sons, and one daughter, Henry J. and
James E. Whelan, of Chesterfield;
Thomas H. Whelan, of Philadelphia;
and Miss Mary Whelan, of Richmond.
The funeral will take place from St. Jo-
seph's Church, in this city, to-morrow
afternoon.

Personal and Otherwise.
Miss Nancy Cordell Beckwith, for-
merly of Petersburg, died at her home
in New York City on Saturday, after
a long illness. Her remains will ar-
rive here to-morrow for interment in
Blandford Cemetery. Miss Beckwith
was the sister of the late Dr. T. Stan-
ley Beckwith, of this city, and the
late Bishop John W. Beckwith, of
Georgia. She is survived by a number
of near relatives in Petersburg.

Mr. Henry W. Hicks, of Pocahontas,
Va., and Miss Nonie Riddick, of Lump-
kin, Ga., met here by agreement, se-
cured a license from the clerk of the
courts, and were married to-day in the
parlor of the Chesterfield Hotel. The
ceremony was performed by Rev. J. K.
Jolliffe, of High Street Church, and
was witnessed by Miss Alvonia Rid-
dick, sister of the bride, and by sev-
eral of the guests of the hotel.

Mr. Eugene Bragg, a popular and
well-known young citizen, is critically
ill at the residence of his father, Mr.
R. R. Bragg, on East Washington
Street, and grave fears are felt as to
his recovery.
Mrs. W. G. Martin, who was operated
for appendicitis at the Petersburg
Hospital on Saturday, is reported as
in serious condition.
General Smith, being will act as
chief marshal of the parade of veter-
ans and military to-morrow after-
noon, in honor of General Lee's birth-
day. He has issued orders as to the
formation of the column and the line
of parade.

New Cashier Elected.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARKSBURY, Va., January 18.—At
the annual meeting of the stockhold-

ers of Parkside National Bank the old
officers and directors were re-elected
with the exception of cashier. Mr.
Walter N. Moson was elected to that
place, vice Horace Whitbank, who re-
signed a short time ago on account of
ill health. The bank declared its regu-
lar semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

A QUESTION OF EVIDENCE.

Mr. Tilton Wins Point He Plans Cam-
paign on Norfolk Gamblers.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., January 18.—An in-
teresting question arose in the Police
Court this morning in the case of John
Lyman (colored), charged with main-
taining and operating a public gaming
house. The question was the extent of
the evidence necessary for conviction
on the charge. Commonwealth Attor-
ney Tilton maintaining and presenting
decisions to sustain the contention,
that it was necessary only to show the
habitual gathering of men at a place,
even though it be a private residence,
for the purpose of gaming, and that it
was profitable to the proprietor, al-
though not open to all the public.

This view was contested by Attorney
R. W. Tomin, representing Lyman,
who claimed that it was necessary to
show that the place was open to any
and everybody, and that gaming went
on there; that the defendant's place
was no more liable than the Virginia
Club or any other club where cards
are played.

Justice Simmons, after the hearing,
declared that he was in doubt as to
the proper interpretation of the law
in question, and continued the case
until Friday, when he will hear fur-
ther argument.

Mr. Tilton is confident that the law
on the Virginia statute books, which
is an old English law, is broad enough
to reach all of the public gaming
places now untouched by reason of
the fact that it is impossible to pre-
sent the evidence sufficient to convict
that has heretofore been required by
the courts. He is making a thorough
investigation of the law. Should he
find that proprietors can be held as
above indicated, he will ask that all
of the poker and crap game rooms in
operation be raided and cases made
against the owners for violations of
the law. The outcome of the case will
be watched with interest.

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WANT LAUNCHING DATE POSTPONED

Business Men of Newport News
Would Have Delaware Go Over
After Fleet Returns.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., January 18.—
Final preparations for the launching
of the giant 20,000-ton battleship Dela-
ware, are being made at the plant of
the Newport News Shipbuilding and
Dry Dock Company. The Navy Depart-
ment has set February 6th as the date
of the launching, but business men
here want the date changed so that
the vessel will go overboard some time
during the week beginning February
22d, when the Atlantic battleship fleet
will return to Hampton Roads from its
globe-circling cruise. The Chamber of
Commerce has been asked to take the
matter up with the Navy Department,
but naval officers here and the build-
ers do not believe the department will
consent to any change in the date.

With the possible exception of that
of the battleship Virginia, on April 4,
1904, this launching will be the biggest
in the history of the shipyard. The
Governors of Delaware and Virginia
will be present, and Secretary of the
Navy Newberry and other representa-
tives of the department will be on
hand. In addition, a number of Con-
gressmen and Senators for Delaware
and Virginia have been invited to at-
tend.

As she now rests upon the stocks
ready to take her initial plunge, the
big battleship represents an imposing
appearance. She is nearer completed
than has been any warship of the
United States navy at the time of
launching, her percentage now being
about 60 per cent. She will weigh
about 5,000 tons, and the task of get-
ting her into the water will be a
gigantic one. The launching cradle,
which is to bear her down the ways
and out on the bosom of James River,
has been completed, and already the
launching platform, on which will be
assembled the invited guests, is in
course of construction. The scaffold-
ing around the hull will be removed
a week prior to the launching.

There has been much talk in Dela-
ware of having the ship christened
with water, but here the opinion pre-
vails that the traditional champagne
will be the christening fluid. Miss
Anne Fennell will be the niece of
Governor-elect Pennell, who is to
be inaugurated into office as the Gov-
ernor of Delaware to-morrow, will be
the sponsor.

TRAVELING MEN BANQUET.
Spencer Byrd is Chief Speaker to
Knights of the Grid.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HARRISONBURG, Va., January 18.—
The second annual banquet of Shon-
andou Council, No. 56, of the United
Commercial Travelers of Harrisonburg,
was held here to-night, and the chief
address was made by Hon. Richard E.
Byrd, Speaker of the Virginia House
of Delegates. Covers for 300 were laid
at the Kavanagh Hotel, and toasts
were responded to by many of the



"One additional inch
on the shirts worn by
Mongolians would
mean one million
bales of cotton,"

and the United States, which produces
eighty per cent. of all the cotton used
in the world, is not even making the
shirts which the Mongolians now
wear.

Daniel J. Sully, the man who
engineered that gigantic cotton cam-
paign which carried the price to 17½
cents per pound, points out where
the United States is losing its greatest
market in the

FEBRUARY COSMOPOLITAN

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traveling men and ministers of the
town. W. H. Beale, of Baltimore, was
toastmaster. Preceding the banquet,
a delightful musical program was
given in the Opera House. Sully, 29
traveling men from Virginia, Mary-
land, West Virginia and Pennsylvania
are present, and twenty-six candidates
were initiated this afternoon.

DEPOSITARY IS WANTED.

Commissioners Indorse Plan to Have
Liquor Dispensed as Medicine.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., January
18.—At the request of local druggists
the county commissioners to-day
adopted a resolution indorsing an act
looking to the establishment of a
county medical depositary in this city
for the exclusive sale of intoxicating
liquors upon certificates of reputable
licensed physicians. Forsythe's repre-
sentatives in the Legislature are asked
to secure the adoption and ratification
of the act. The bill will be presented
to the Winston-Salem Aldermen to-
morrow night for their approval.

Reception Committee Appointed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 18.—
Mayor Paff to-day appointed the fol-
lowing on the reception committee in
connection with the home-coming week
which will be from April 28th to May
1st, and which will be held in connec-
tion with the dedication of George
Washington Park April 30th: Zora
Hill, John Leadbeater, Park Agnew,
Robert E. Knight, Charles Callahan,
R. B. Downham, R. S. Jones, John W.

Much Damage to Trees.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ETNA MILLS, Va., January 18.—The
sleet played havoc with peach trees
and other ornamental and forest trees
in this section. Especially the old
peach trees suffered. Thousands of
dollars of damage was done in this
kind of tree alone.

Court Will Open.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
TALLEYSVILLE, Va., January 18.—
Court will convene on the 28th, and
the citizens are expected to hold a
mass-meeting to decide about the best
manner to repair the courthouse. Much
business is on the docket.

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